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ship *Fulton*; crew, 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *October 31, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the period ended October 31, 1901:

Present officially estimated population, about 3,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and measles. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. There has been a number of cases of measles of mild form among the children of La Ceiba during the past few weeks.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel: October 30, steamship *Usk*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, 3; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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*Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.*

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *October 22, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 22, 1901:

Population according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially estimated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none; prevailing diseases, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 16, steamship *Anselm*; crew, 44; passengers from this port, 14; passengers in transit, 8; pieces of baggage disinfected, 22. October 21, steamship *Bratten*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *October 29, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 29, 1901:

Population, according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially esti-

mated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from small-pox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel: October 23, steamship *S. Oteri*; crew, 34; passengers from this port, 11; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 9.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

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#### ITALY.

##### *Reports from Naples—Inspection at Palermo—Plague under control.*

NAPLES, ITALY, *October 21, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended October 19, 1901, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

October 14, the steamship *Sicilia*, of the Hamburg-American Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 502 steerage passengers. Seven hundred and sixty seven pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

October 19, the steamship *Perugia*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 338 steerage passengers. Nine hundred and twenty-five pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

##### *Inspection at Palermo.*

At Palermo for the week ended October 19, 1901, the following ship was inspected:

October 13, the steamship *Massilia* of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New Orleans. There were inspected and passed 652 steerage passengers and 120 pieces of large and 900 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

##### *Plague at Naples.*

During the week ended October 19, 1901, there were no cases of plague reported at Naples. At midnight, October 15 and October 16, the royal sanitary authorities issued a proclamation that ten days had elapsed since the last case of plague was removed to the isolation station at the island of Nisida, and that the port of Naples was free from plague. I telegraphed you to this effect October 16. No case has been reported since that time. All localities where cases occurred were at once rigorously disinfected. The Tartarone flour mill, where a case occurred from handling infected grain from the Punto Franco, is again in operation, disinfection having been satisfactorily terminated.

The extensive measures of disinfection at the Punto Franco, the Government bonded warehouses that were first infected, are still in progress. In accordance with rules established for the treatment of the warehouses